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MINING ACT CHANGES

An end to staking

Prospectors can no longer claim minerals under private land

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Landowners who don't own the rights to the minerals under the surface of their properties don't need to worry about prospectors staking their land anymore.

The provincial government tabled changes to the Mining Act Thursday that would bar staking of minerals owned by the Crown in Southern Ontario, effectively halting activities across Haliburton County on private property.

"It's great ... as of [Thursday] at noon, private property is off the map," said Robin Simpson, one of the founders of Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration.

"I thought that was pretty terrific," he said.

Simpson and his partner and fellow activist Christine Atrill traveled to Toronto to see the legislation tabled at Queen's Park and had discussions with provincial bureaucrats about the changes they have fought years for.

"I'm happy that we won what we thought we were going to win," Simpson said.

The provincial government began a review of the century-old act last July partially because of strong efforts by Haliburton County landowners who had discovered that while they owned the surface of their properties, the minerals underneath were owned by the government and could

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Jumping season

Red Hawks track and field participant R.J. Tomazic floats above the sand pit during a long jump practice session at the Nest on April 29. Girls' soccer and boys' rugby are also underway. Watch the senior and junior girls' soccer teams take on Fenelon Falls May 6 and the boys' rugby team tackle Thomas A. Stewart May 7, both games at HHSS. Photo by Matt James

MEXICO

Haliburton couple fly into Conquest holiday storm

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

They were two days into their Mexican holiday when Conquest Vacations went bankrupt and all they got was a lousy piece of paper; a t-shirt would have at least been a souvenir.

Shannon Cole and her fiancé Ross Gerry arrived in Cancun, Mexico on Tuesday, April 14 and made their way by bus along the jungle-lined highway to their hotel in the Mayan Riviera.

On Wednesday morning they hit the beach and did nothing, happily, all day long to begin their vacation. Thursday morning they woke to a phone call from Canada.

"At 8:30 a.m. my mom called," said Cole in an interview with the *Echo*. "She asked me if we'd been contacted by the front desk." To that she answered no and her mom said, "Well I think you need to go down there because we just heard on the news that Conquest went out of business."

From the phone conversation Cole learned of news reports of angry travellers at hotel front desks causing a kerfuffle about having to pay again as hotels had not received any payment from Conquest.

"We didn't know if we were going to be stuck there," Cole said. "We didn't realize how severe it was until we went to the front desk."

At the front desk of their hotel Shannon and Ross were told to speak with their Conquest representative who in turn said: "I'm just here to try and answer questions, I can't do anything for you because I don't work for the

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OPP BRIEFS

Windows smashed over weekend

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating two mischief complaints that occurred this past weekend. Both incidents occurred sometime late Saturday night or early Sunday morning.

The first incident occurred at Monks Funeral Home on the Bobcaygeon Rd in Minden where suspects smashed a window in the building.

The second incident occurred at a residence on Harmony Road in Haliburton Village. A pick up truck parked at a residence had two windows smashed.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information on either incident is asked to call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Grow-op found in Cardiff home

Project Longarm and Bancroft OPP officers executed a search warrant at a Gem Road residence in Highlands East last week.

Inside the house, officers located a small indoor marijuana grow operation, cannabis resin, a firearm and drug processing equipment.

A 51-year-old man and a 50-year-old woman were arrested at the scene and have been charged with criminal charges related to the production and trafficking of controlled substances. The male was also charged with weapons offences.

Both accused people were released and will appear in court in June.

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SPECIAL HIGHLANDS EAST MEETING

Road chosen for possible stimulus money

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

Hadlington Road will be the recipient of stimulus funding for the municipality if council's application to the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund is accepted.

The nine-kilometre stretch from Highway 118 was deemed most needing of repair.

If Highlands East gets the money, it will share one-third of the cost – probably $250,000.

No one was sure of when an announcement of the successful projects would be, but noted that stimulus money is supposed to be dispensed quickly.

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Aiming for Broadway

Born to entertain

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

It's as if there's a switch inside Justin vanLieshout. Turn it on and a light sparkles from his eyes. The current of creative energy continues to rush throughout his entire being, transforming an otherwise mild-mannered 14-year-old student at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School into a fearless and engaging performer.

It's this switch, coupled with his natural singing abilities, that make people believe they'll one day see Justin star in a Broadway musical. Talent plus a love of performance equals a dynamic force that's already evident every time Justin has a role to play.

Maybe he was born to it. When he was just six weeks old, Justin landed a role as the baby in the movie *Mrs. Winterbourne*. With dark lashes fanning his big brown eyes, he was a natural for the cameras. His incessant good nature made him easy to work with and, although he shared "acting" duties with another baby, most of the scenes belong to him.

Like other creative people, Justin doesn't know where this urge to perform comes from.

"It's just me," he shrugs, sitting in the basement of his Lake Kashagawigamog home with his mother Juliane, the conduit for some of his musical talent and a lot of his love of being on stage.

"It's fun and I get to be a different person," he says. "The second you get going, with the atmosphere, you just make it your own."

He laughs when his mother shows him a video of one of his performances at the Haliburton Highlands Music Festival earlier that day. He chose a song from Hairspray and you'd swear he was in a Broadway production. He owns the stage, not just singing the song but creating an entire story around it. The video doesn't capture the look of bemusement on the face of his music teacher and accompanist, Melissa Stephens. When Justin sings the song during practice, he just stands by the piano, calm and serene. But under the lights of the Northern Lights Pavilion, his own light gets turned on. It's that switch again.

"I remember him running around the house at three years old, singing all the time," Juliane says.

However, ask him to sing at a private family gathering and Justin clams up. Oddly enough, his mother says, in that kind of environment Justin doesn't like being the centre of attention. He needs the emotional distance between him and his audience, the impartiality of the stage.

Upstairs in the vanLieshout home is a piano, which Justin plays, along with a clarinet and saxophone. He's also in school plays and has had a few roles with the Highlands Summer Festival, most notably the *Sound of Music*. If he's not performing, he's backstage.

He didn't audition for a role with this summer's *Annie*, however, because he's not keen on the musical's popular songs.

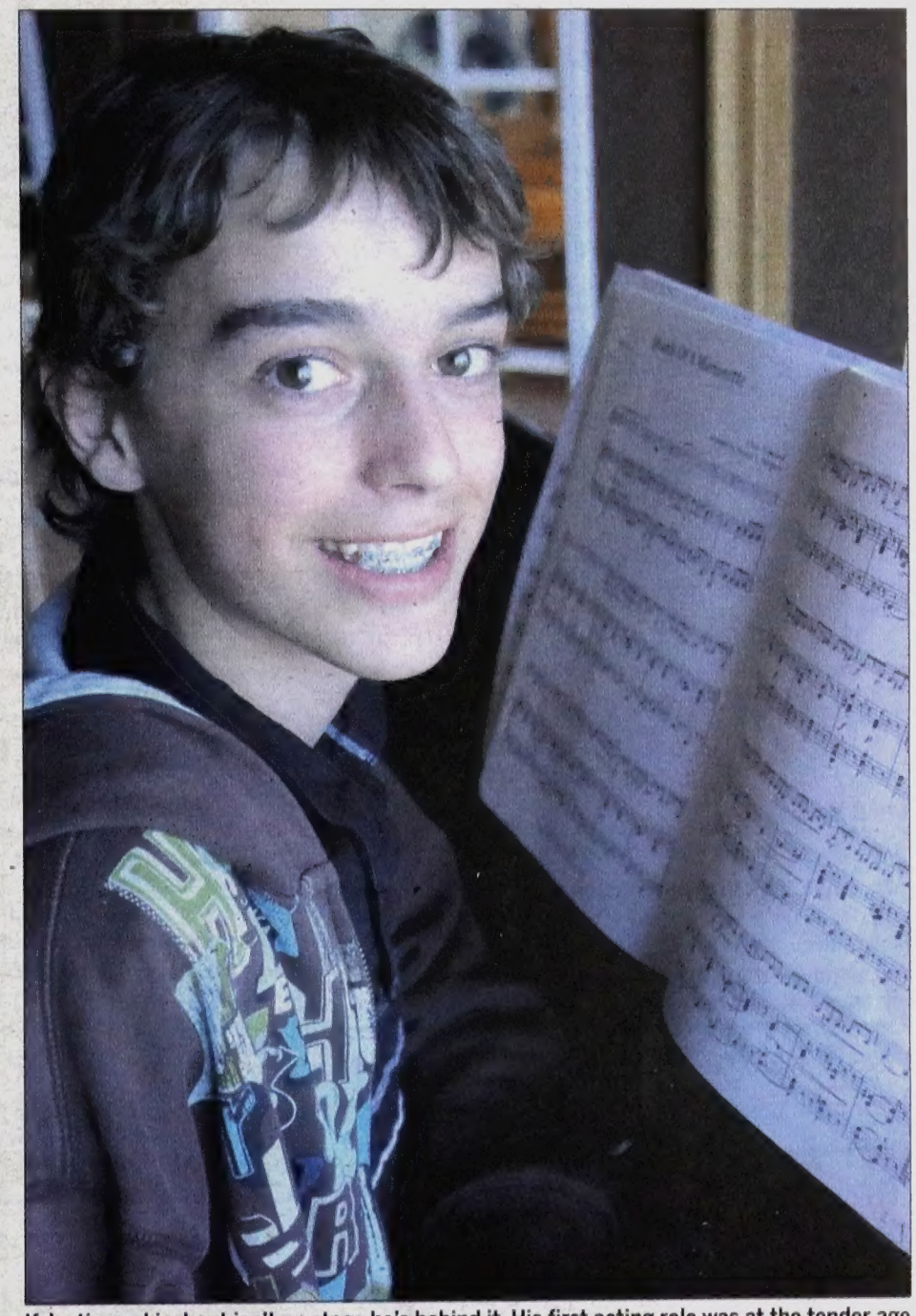
"The music has to tickle my fancy," he says, going on to rave about a performance of *Young Frankenstein* that he saw with his mother on Broadway. He also loved his role of the wolf in a National Music Camp of Canada production of *Into the Woods*.

Recently, the movie that Justin made with his mother and father, Anthony, for Haliburton's first 48-Create film festival was chosen to be part of this year's Jump Cuts Young Filmmakers showcase at the Sprockets Toronto International Film Festival for Children. The film is about a little boy trying to help save his family's home during the Depression. Tammy Rea of Highlands Media Arts entered the short film on Justin's behalf and it was screened in mid-April.

The movie was a way to do something as a family, although at the time older sisters Tiffany and Amanda had other projects that they were working on so they didn't participate as much. Anthony came up with the idea of using a cabin on Milburn Road that has no electricity or running water, so that leant itself to an old-time theme. They wrote the script and then took some workshops organized by Rea as part of the local film festival so they could learn about camera work and editing on the computer.

Juliane enjoys being able to be creative with her family. When she was growing up, her father, a music teacher, instilled in her a love of music but he wasn't as involved in his children's day-to-day lives. It was just a different time, she says, and parents' roles were different.

She was a young mother with two toddlers when she decided she wanted to do something outside the house. They were living in Toronto so she signed Tiffany and Amanda with a modelling agency. One day, driving along the 401 with the two girls in the backseat on the way to a modelling audition, she realized the girls weren't really enjoying themselves.



If Justin vanLieshout isn't on stage he's behind it. His first acting role was at the tender age of six weeks. Now at 14, he has a lengthy theatrical resume. /Photo by Martha Perkins

She was the one who wanted to find an outlet, not them.

So Juliane signed herself up as a movie extra. You can see her in the background of such movies as *Santa Clause, Bogie's Diner* and *Robocop*. It's the latter movie that was the most fun. "I had a blast that day," she says. There were a lot of pyrotechnics in her scene. All the smoke masks her face but not her excitement. It was when she told the agency that books extras about needing to take a hiatus during her pregnancy with Justin that the idea for a movie role for Justin was born.

And because his face was shown in a movie, he qualifies as an apprentice with the acting union, which will make it easier for him to apply for roles if he wants to.

Justin has obviously thrived in such a creative atmosphere. His paternal grandparents, Larry and Maria vanLieshout, helped to foster musical talent. Larry's strength is music – he's an accomplished accordion player – and Maria's passion is performance. She always had her trunk of make-believe costumes open and encouraged her grandchildren to stage their own plays.

Given all the opportunities available to him, Justin's one true love would be singing on Broadway. It brings together all the different sides of his personality and engages his imagination. Put him under the lights of New York and that switch will definitely be turned on.

ANNIE, THE MUSICAL

Calling all Sandys

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

Left: Kenzie, one of two dogs belonging to the Dibblee family, is being considered for the role of Sandy in the upcoming Highlands Summer Festival production of Annie.

Far left: Five-year-old Thomas, belonging to Haliburton's John Miller, is being considered for the role of Sandy.

Attention all dog owners! Is your dog constantly looking for attention? Does it stick around when you sing your favourite songs? If so, then maybe your dog has what it takes to play Sandy in the Highlands Summer Festival's production of *Annie*.

Annie director Scot Denton and his production crew are searching for a dog to play the beloved orphan's best friend. Finding a suitable Sandy is no easy task and with Annie rehearsals beginning shortly, Denton says he'd prefer to find his Sandy sooner rather than later.

So do you think your pooch has what it takes to be a star? Before attempting to audition your canis familiaris here's what you need to know.

First, if your dog's name is Sandy, you're off to great a great start. However, the dog's behaviour is the primary consideration.

"The age of the dog is important," said Denton. "If it's eight months old it's going to be sniffing absolutely everything and chasing every sound. And if it's really old, well, you know, we want a little bit of energy."

So a middle-aged dog would be ideal.

Not as important is the dog's gender, size or breed.

"But obviously it shouldn't look like a show dog," said Denton, "because Sandy is supposed to be 'wild.'"

The potential Sandy should also be of a certain shade – a brown, blond, or sandy colour. While Denton isn't necessarily opposed to a doggy dye job, dog owners might be.

One of the most important factors for a successful Sandy is that the dog will have to tolerate or even enjoy singing. (The dog isn't singing but everyone around it will be.) Of course, the dog will have to come in for rehearsal, but don't expect the dog to get its own dressing room equipped with full fridge of Perrier.

"The person's going to have to bring the dog to rehearsal at a convenient time for everybody," said Denton.

The successful applicant will need to meet Annie in order to get comfortable with her and come to Annie when called by the name Sandy.

Denton says it's likely the selected Sandy will need some on-stage training, with the use of treats, perhaps.

So what's in it for the successful pooch? Well, there is no monetary compensation but the experience would be a lot of fun for owner and dog. And, as Denton says, for some, "It's an opportunity to see their 'child' on stage."

So, if you think your dog might enjoy the spotlight or would be happy to become Annie's Sandy, call Annie executive producer Betty Mills at 457-1354.

Public outcry changes start date

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Students in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board will start their next school year on September 8 rather than September 1, as originally planned.

Trustees for the board set a new start date at their meeting on April 28 after much discussion.

While the September 1 start date was set at a board meeting in late February, the decision was followed by public outcry from parents, students and members of the area's business community who said a shortened summer break would drastically affect their incomes as well as their ability to hire students.

A number of school boards in the province, including TLDSB's co-terminous boards, had already pushed their start dates back to September 8 and at a committee of the whole board meeting earlier this month, trustees recommended that the school calendar for 2009/10 be referred back to the board's calendar committee for exploration of options.

Last week, the board's superintendent of elementary school improvement, Gale Sherin, presented board members with three options for the calendar.

One, Sherin said, would be to retain the status quo, starting the school year before Labour Day on September 1.

This option, she explained, would cost the board an additional $60,000 in transportation fees since buses would be running for four days before the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board, with which the board shares transportation costs, began busing its students.

Another option, Sherin said, would be to push the start date back until September 8 and extend the school year until June 30, like many other boards in the province have done.

A third option would have been to send students back to class on September 8, but create a different calendar for Huntsville schools in light of the 2010 G-8 taking place at the community's Deerhurst Resort.

The organizers of the summit have indicated they wish to use the board's Huntsville facilities and while board members are under the impression that students would have to be out of the schools as soon as June 18, staff said there has been no official word from organizers as to when the buildings must be vacated.

Citing the fact that families throughout the board's jurisdiction have indicated they want the school year to begin after Labour Day as it traditionally does, trustees, with the exception of two, voted to adopt a September 8 start date.

Any alterations to the calendar for Huntsville schools will be made once the board receives more information from the organizers of the G-8 Summit.

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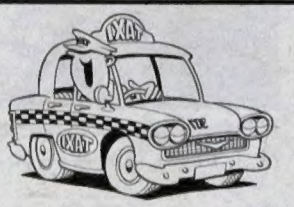

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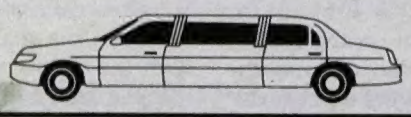

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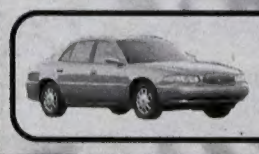

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HCDC to receive $1M for programming

JENN WATT
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation will receive more than $1 million over the next two years to continue its economic development work in the county from the federal government.

Industry minister Tony Clement announced Friday that funding for the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) will continue for at least two more years, spread amongst the area's 15 community futures groups, including HCDC.

"It's a wonderful program," said HCDC manager Andy Campbell.

"This is the fifth round of funding. Every year we have to make a proposal as a region," he said, adding he was glad this time they know funding will last for another two years.

The region will receive $20 million in total, $1.6 million of that goes into a regional fund for large projects. The One of a Kind show that sent artists Sandi Luck and Chuck O'Neill to Toronto this year was funded from that pot of money.

Haliburton County's portion of the money will continue to be spent in five categories: large community initiatives (such as Minden's Riverwalk and the Head Lake trail study), local community projects (such as the Highland Cup, and Rails End Gallery), skills development funding for businesses, youth intern program and interest-free loans for businesses.

"The EODP takes a community-based approach to economic development – one that encourages local stakeholders to work together to create a competitive and diversified regional economy," MP Barry Devolin said in a press release.

Campbell reminded local businesses that the HCDC is open to applications for the funding – in many cases subsidizing costs by one-half. Call Patti Tallman at 457-3555 for more information.

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Private land is safe

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jenn watt

LANDOWNERS IN HALIBURTON County can all breathe a sigh of relief now that changes to the 1873 Mining Act have been tabled in the legislature.

The new legislation will make staking private lands off-limits in Southern Ontario, meaning no one can come on your land and claim the mineral rights under the surface for exploration and mining.

Anti-uranium mining advocates will have to keep holding their breath, though.

The government did not exempt staking and mining on Crown lands in this region, meaning staking can continue on any land owned by the government.

Basically, you can now be sure that your backyard won't turn into an open-pit mine, but that forest beside you could be.

(If your land is already staked, you have to wait and hope that it is not further developed and that the prospector's licence runs out.)

So whether you're happy about these changes will simply depend on whether your concern was for your own land or if it was against mining in general.

The local anti-uranium group, FUME, comes down on both sides. They say that the changes to staking private land is "terrific," but they want more.

Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill, two of the founders of the group, have pledged to push harder than they ever have this summer, rallying support for their "three modest proposals."

While the first of the three (private landowners' rights) has been crossed off the list, they still want more control for municipal governments and review and analysis of impacts of mining before it is done.

They also want Crown land in Southern Ontario totally removed from mining consideration altogether.

They'll probably get about half of what they want.

Because while the government doesn't want to upset the more populous Southern Ontario contingent (and those all-important cottagers who have the ear of Toronto politicians), they are equally worried that mining companies will revolt if restrictions become too stringent.

Afterall, "Ontario is Canada's largest producer of minerals accounting for 28 per cent of the national total in 2007, at an approximate value of $10.7 billion," according to page two of the government's discussion paper on the act.

And in a recession especially, it's hard to say no to that.

That doesn't mean FUME's work will be for nothing. Just because the government won't restrict mining Crown land doesn't mean mining companies want to wade into a county full of environmentalists willing to take strong measures to preserve the landscape they've come to love so dearly.

Public pressure is as important as political regulation, if not more, and rallying the troops could be enough to make this county an unappealing option for future mining and development.

Apatite in rock *Photo by Jenn Watt*

Wake up call

Vinegar Hill

tales from

steve galea

LAST THURSDAY MORNING, I got up late for turkey hunting – and by that I mean at 10 to six. I might have even slept in further, if not for my wife, who woke me with news of a gobbler was sounding off in the lower field. Nothing, of course, gets a turkey hunter up quicker than that.

When I stepped outside, the gobbler sounded off again, unseen and some 300 yards distant. I knew I had a good chance because the contour of the land and a small copse of spruce trees separated us. So, I snuck in to within 100 yards, put my back against a tree and begin calling very softly with my slate call. Thirty minutes later, he came in cautiously, hunting for the hen that he thought I was.

"I got that gobbler," I said smugly, when I returned home.

"You're welcome," she replied.

It suddenly occurred to me that, from here on in, every time I told the story of that bird in my wife's presence, she would take at least half the credit – probably more.

"I was just getting up when you called, you know," I bluffed. "I heard him too."

"I've never heard a person get up and simultaneously snore," she said.

"I learned it in the military," I replied. "It allows you to get the drop on anyone sneaking up on you."

"I see," she muttered. "But you still owe me a great debt of thanks for getting you that bird.

It was worse than I thought. This was going to require hush money.

"How do I make this go away?" I asked subtly, as I reached into my front pocket and pulled out a shiny nickel.

"Make what go away?" she said.

Oh great, I thought, now she's playing coy.

I added a few more coins to the mix, jingling them for dramatic effect before slapping them down on the table.

"All this could be yours," I suggested.

"Are you trying to buy my silence?" she asked indignantly.

"No, no," I began, "I just think you ought to be rewarded for being such a good person."

She looked at me suspiciously.

"A good person who allows her husband full credit for taking a wary gobbler," I added.

"I see," she said, while eyeing the amassed fortune laid out on the table.

"A dollar twenty-seven can buy an awful lot of happiness," I purred.

She smiled, shook her head, and then picked up the phone.

"Wait," I pleaded. "All right, I would have never been able to sneak in and call that bird without your unerring guidance. In fact, that bird is going to be Sunday dinner solely because of your excellent hearing and sound judgment. I was a mere pawn in the great battle of wits between you and the gobbler! An instrument of your will, so to speak…"

"And?"

"Thanks," I groveled. "Thank you for showing me the way."

"Think nothing of it," she chirped. "You know, if you play your cards right, maybe this fall I can help improve your deer hunting success too."

I spent the rest of the day shopping for alarm clocks.

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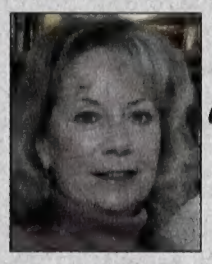
Fear

HOW MUCH DID SHE WANT to go to the store? It seemed as though Alice asked herself this every time she had to leave the house. First there were the clothes. Every bit of skin had to be covered. But that was only after she had applied 60-proof sunscreen. Then on with the clothes, including gloves and head covering. The sunglasses would be last because they were too dark for indoors. Alice sighed. So much effort just to walk down the street for some potatoes and water. It hardly seemed worthwhile.

But her former garden no longer even produced weeds and the lovely lake glimmering in the late afternoon sun was undrinkable. So since her stomach was growling she knew she had to get to the store before it closed.

Once she was well protected from the sun, she reached for her metal mesh body padding. She kept it hung on a peg by the back door, just above her outdoor shoes that sat waiting in their disinfectant soak. It had been years since she had noticed the smell of the soak. Like so many other things, it had become a part of everyday life.



down our **road**

sharon lynch

The body padding fitted snugly over her torso and then down her legs. If it was too loose, it could get caught on something – anything really – that might be dangerously in the way once she stepped outside. For there was danger everywhere but especially outside. Padding in place, she positioned the face mask over her mouth, then the helmet and lastly her sunglasses. Alice was now ready to walk the five blocks to the store.

She thought longingly of the time years ago when she was able to ride her bike instead of walking. The rush of air against her skin, the exhilaration of speed had been intoxicating. But the experts had decreed cycling to be far too dangerous and therefore costly to the health care system so it was banned. A few irresponsible and anti-social individuals had tried flouting the law against cycling but they had faced such public humiliation in addition to the fines that they eventually gave up their fruitless protest and fell in line.

Besides, thought Alice as she pulled the door shut behind her, even if she could ride her long-gone bike, it wouldn't be the same wearing all this protective gear. Before stepping away from her house, she scanned the street. No one else in sight. Nothing out of the ordinary that might cause injury. No wind to blow objects at her. No birds to drop onto her. The street looked safe enough but Alice knew danger could lurk in the most unsuspected places.

She recalled learning in the news about a man who walked across his street and tripped over his own feet, sprawling to the ground and scraping his hands, despite the gloves. Fortunately he rushed home and washed the scrapes with anti-bacterial soap and very hot water. He survived but it could have ended in tragedy. When interviewed he vowed to only walk across the street with his wife from then on, so that they could catch each other if need be. "It's our family's buddy system," he told the interviewer. Now that is a responsible citizen, Alice had thought.

It didn't take her long to walk the five blocks to the store. After passing through the disinfecting mist, she entered the air lock chamber and then into the store itself. Ripping off a piece of shopping cart defense and laying it across the cart's push bar, she walked quickly but carefully to the potato section. Taking two days' worth – any more and she risked spoilage and all its horrors – Alice then made for the water area. A two-litre bottle would be sufficient for now.

Looking at the few items in her cart, she wondered if it would have made more sense just to carry the items to the checkout instead of using a cart. But then she might have dropped one of them or been thrown off balance by their weight and tripped. If she tripped maybe she'd then knock her head on the floor, dislodging the helmet and then anything could have happened to her. No, it was better to be safe. Always.

pic *of the* past

During the 1930s and '40s the Lochlin general store was owned and operated by Harold Hill. The truck driven by Archie Brown, was used to deliver groceries to customers in the surrounding area, and also served as a snow plough.

letters **to the editor**

Right to expropriate land is wrong

Re- Airport support has grounded.
Echo April 28 2009.

To the Editor:

I quote from this article ["Airport support has grounded," April 28] as follows: "When it comes to taking away someone's land against their will, you don't need to be against the airport to be angered by what's perceived as an intrusion on property rights."

Unfortunately, when the Canadian constitution was repatriated in 1982, property rights were not enshrined. They were also excluded from the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

This means that every public body in Canada has the right to expropriate private property and the owner has no recourse.

Why prime minister Pierre Trudeau was allowed to get away with excluding a right, which every other democracy has enshrined in its constitution is incomprehensible to me. It has to be said that the change passed, despite a great deal of opposition by members of parliament.

L. Dobrzensky
Haliburton

It was the best birthday ever

To the Editor:

Last Friday night, my boyfriend Warren and I went out for dinner for our birthday at McKeck's Place. The dinner and service was great as usual and as dinner wound down, we had joked to our waitress about something for our birthday. Little did we know we would get such a generous gift of not material, but pure kindness.

There was this lady that was sitting two tables over from us and had smiled when we came in and went on with her dinner and book she was reading. After dinner was finished and cleared, the woman that was sitting at the table down from us had finished and paid. She came up to me and had wished me a happy birthday, and after I had thanked her she carried on and left. The waitress came back to us and asked us what we would like for a birthday dessert, because the lady that had sat at that table and wished you a happy birthday just paid for your whole meal and dessert! We were shocked.

The lady had told the waitress that she had five kids of her own, and wanted to do something nice for someone else's children in hopes someone will do something nice for hers.

Warren and I were truly delighted at how this lady's generosity could make this one of the best birthday gifts we've ever received. Needless to say, there are still nice people in this small town; it just takes the right place at the right time. So I thank that woman with ever more gratitude and love. And we thank her for making this birthday one of the best ever.

Chanice Finch
Koshlong Lake

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■ MORE LETTERS

It takes a village to raise a child

To the Editor:

In 2008, concerned parents with children attending Stuart Baker Elementary School (SBES) proposed changes to the kindergarten schedule from an alternate-day schedule (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday one week, Tuesday & Thursday the following week), to a fixed-day schedule (Monday, Wednesday & every other Friday, or Tuesday, Thursday & every other Friday). After conducting a public forum attended by parents, teachers, and those affected by the alternate-day kindergarten schedule, the administration of SBES agreed to a one-year trial of the fixed-day schedule, which commenced September 2008 and ends this June 2009.

On April 20, 2009, the administration informed the parents of children currently enrolled at SBES that the kindergarten schedule would be changing back to the former alternate-day schedule. In its newsletter, the administration of SBES outlined some of the reasons for this change. Some parents in the community, however, feel a fixed-day schedule is more beneficial to the overall well-being and development of our children and families for the following reasons:

1). We feel it is in the best interest of our children's academic success to establish regular, fixed routines which encompass school, family and community involvement. The reality is that we all strive for regular schedules in order to make our families' daily schedules more successful.

2). It has been easier to find and provide consistent high quality daycare and early learning programs on a fixed-day schedule. This has been supported by several daycare providers in Haliburton.

3). A fixed-day schedule allows for other experiences to enrich our children's educations through extra-curricular activities. Most of these activities operate on a fixed-day schedule.

4). On a fixed-day schedule, there would be a greater opportunity for parents who stay at home when their children are at home to engage in regular part-time work. This is especially critical for lower income families who may rely on such work to off-set childcare costs, and otherwise survive. As reported in a study released by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit in 2006, 9% of children in Haliburton County live below the poverty line.

5). For parents / guardians reliant on extended family members for childcare, a regular fixed-schedule makes it easier for those family members (like grandparents) to participate in community events (like curling or volunteer work) on a consistent basis while still playing an important role in the lives of young loved ones.

In the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, the majority of schools (69%) with kindergarten programs are on a fixed-day schedule, including Minden, Wilberforce & Cardiff. Stuart Baker Elementary School would be the only school in Haliburton County to be on an alternate-day schedule. According to the schedule provided by the school, 'A' day students (those who attend on Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday) will have 95 days of school, while 'B' day students (those who attend on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and every other Friday) will have 94 days. In our view, a single day discrepancy is neither significant nor grossly inequitable.

If you share our concerns, if this change affects your child, your family, your job or childcare arrangements, or if you want if you would like more information or clarification regarding our points of concern, please contact Jennifer at: 705-457-9303, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m..

Parents for a Fixed-Day Kindergarten

Trustee votes against early school start

To the Editor:

In follow up to your story April 29 ("Students to begin school after Labour Day" posted online), I just wanted to ensure the *Echo* knows that I had always voted against an early start (it was a recorded vote) and always supported the post Labour Day school year start.

Also, I resigned my post as trustee on April 28 at the end of the meeting after a motion to ensure that correspondence intended for trustees is distributed to trustees was defeated 6-3.

I appreciate the support the community of Haliburton has given me while a trustee.

Norah Fountain
Former Trustee, Gravenhurst, Muskoka Lakes and Georgian Bay

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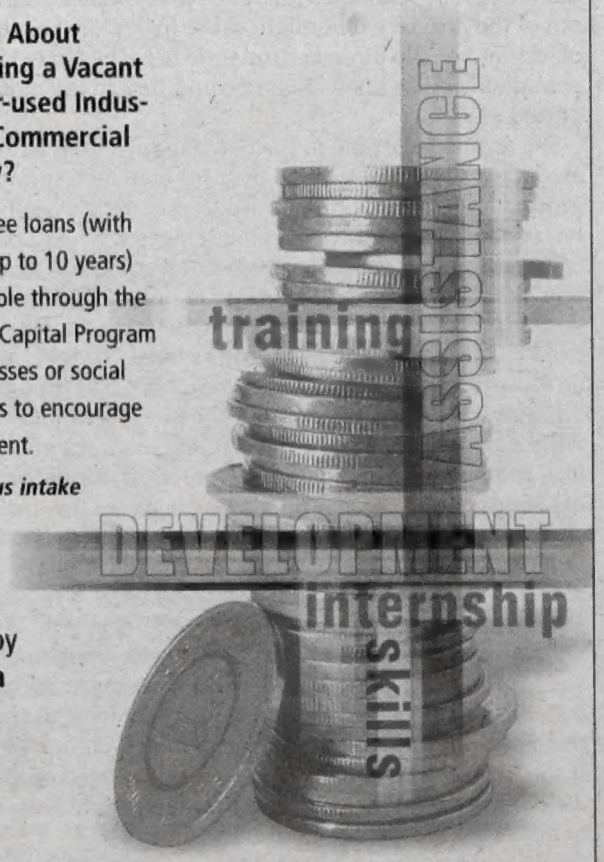

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Students go hungry so others will not

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

A handful of individuals and organizations helped to make this year's 30-hour famine a great success. That list includes students of HHSS, members of Lakeside Baptist Church, the Haliburton Ministerial, members of the public, and of course, World Vision, the organizers of the 30-hour famine.

On April 30, students began their 30 hours against poverty by canvassing Haliburton neighbourhoods for hundreds of non-perishable food items, which were dropped off at the 4Cs food bank.

Then it was back to the school for activities like Twister and soccer in the rain, along with the apt movie choice of *Slumdog Millionaire*. That evening participants were entertained by live music of Mississauga's Manic Drive inside the Northern Lights Pavilion.

High school students and volunteers of the 30-hour famine canvassed Haliburton neighbourhoods for two hours collecting non-perishable food items before refraining from eating for 30 hours in the name of ending poverty.

Photo by Matt James

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Dot, the puppet, and her owner Shelley King, accepts the emerging artist award on behalf of her son, Christopher from Lesley English.

Two artsie types, Jerelyn Craden and Fay Wilkinson share a drink and a laugh before the ceremonies.

Janice Parker accepts the award for arts supporter at the third annual arts gala from Jim Blake.

Arts gala a celebration of strong creative community

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

It was a night not just about awards but about Haliburton County itself as a community fostering excellence in arts of all kinds.

From the fresh-cut flowers to the jazz numbers by the high school improv combo, from the delicate programs to the comedic host, the third annual arts gala Saturday night at the Haliburton Legion was as elegant and joyous as any arts program anywhere in Canada.

There was visiting, laughing and chatter amongst long-time friends and standing ovations for artists and supporters who won the prestigious awards throughout the evening.

Dysart councillor Janis Parker took the award for supporter/administrator for her work sponsoring artists and arts organizations throughout the county.

"It has been my honour to get to know many of you and you have enriched my life," Parker said accepting the award.

She was nominated along with Jack Brezina, Laurie Carmount, HCDC, Laurie Jones and Tammy Rea of Highlands Media Arts.

Christopher King of Wilberforce won the emerging artist category, but wasn't there to get the award because he's in California. King is a writer and filmmaker who produced the award-winning *Stuffing* and produced two films in 2008. Other nominees included Patricia L. Currie, April Gates, Tracey Lee Green, Jonathan Hagerty and Noelia Marziali.

Young artist of the year went to Teghan Dodds, a participant at the Art Hive. She was nominated along with Haliburton Dance Arts, Billy Janitsch, Tamara Poropat, Sarah Varty and Josh Vlaming.

Founder of the year went to Jack Brezina for his 25 years of work for the arts including the Highlands Summer Festival, work at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, Minden's banner festival and his Canoe FM arts radio program. Fellow nominees were Michael Fay, Tiffany Howe, Outloud Womyn's Voices, Tammy Rea and the Rails End Gallery.

Artist of distinction this year was Tammy Rea who has done work with Highland Media Arts, Those Other Movies, 48 Create and the Haliburton International Film Festival. Nominated with Rea were John Lennard, Rose Pearson, Debbie and Grahame Wales, Victoria Ward and Fay Wilkinson.

Go online to see the full list of nominees as well as a gallery with dozens of photos of the evening at www.haliburtonecho.ca.

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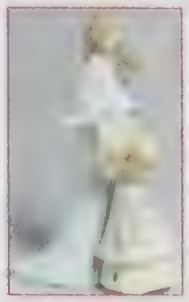

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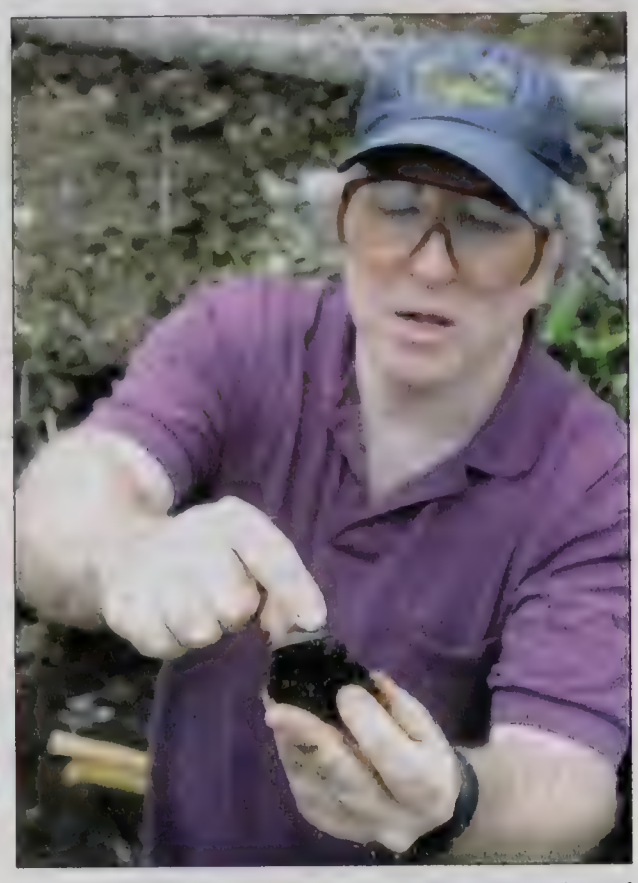
Trish Manning shows Melissa Bramham her find of apatite at the Bear Lake occurrence near Gooderham.



Geologist John Etches outlines one of the smooth edges of a piece of mica.

Being a rock hound is a dirty job involving both finesse and an eye for precious rocks.

HALIBURTON ROCKS

Eco tour leads rock hounds to their prey

JENN WATT

Staff Reporter

The wealth of beautiful rocks just under the surface of the landscape at Green Mantle Farms on Essonville Line "blew away" Carnarvon artist Judy Breau on her Haliburton Rocks tour Saturday morning.

The mosaic artist came on the tour to learn more about what can be found in the earth that could be integrated into her own work and she came away impressed.

"I now know that I know nothing [about rocks]," Breau said after finishing a lunch of wild leek soup at the home of Mark and Sandra Bramham halfway through her tour.

The group of eight went on to the Bear Lake occurrence on Glamor Road to get dirty and find some rocks to take home.

There they mined, picked and whisked large chunks of green apatite, flat hexagonal mica and horn blende from the calcite rock with geologist John Etches leading the way.

The best specimen of apatite was found by rock hound newbie Trish Manning, from Muskoka, which had the much-desired terminated end in a crystal formation.

Haliburton Rocks is run by Barrie Martin's company Yours Outdoors that does learning adventures around the county. Any group of six or more people can contact Martin to put together an afternoon digging rocks and learning about local geology or join one of his pre-planned tours with others. Go to www.yoursoutdoors.ca for more information.

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PEDDLE FOR HOPE

WES students rise to head-shaving challenge

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

After raising $94 for last year's Cops For Cancer/Pedal For Hope fundraiser, the students of Wilberforce Elementary School greatly improved that number this year by raising an astounding $2,305.

Part of the kids' motivation came from a challenge proposed to them by two mothers, Laura Fideau and Mandy Billings, whose children attend the school. If the kids could raise $1,000 or more the two moms would have their heads shaved.

As dozens of officers from the OPP, RCMP and Peterborough Lakefield Community Police Service arrived at WES for the fifth annual Cops For Cancer/Pedal For Hope visit April 27, students knew they'd reached their goal and were excited for the morning events.

Inside the school, Billings handed over the $2,305 to Sgt. Marc Habgood who'd brought in a special guest to help hand out prizes to the top fundraisers. Sporting hundreds of bravery beads along with a smile was cancer survivor Dawson Hamilton. The top three fundraising students were Keisha Hughes, $430, Taylor Donaldson, $420, and Hailey Carey, $307.

As the festivities moved outdoors the head shaving and ice cream eating fun began, but not before getting the most out of the hair. Billings, whose hair hung past her shoulders had four ponytails cut off that will help make wigs for cancer patients.

Billings and Fideau complimented both the students and surrounding communities for their efforts and fundraising success.

"A great big thank-you to businesses and families for their support," said Fideau. "We never imagined it would be so big."

Since the inaugural Canadian Cancer Society Cops for Cancer program in 1994, more than $32.8 million has been raised across Canada for cancer-related issues. An additional goal for the officers this year is to recruit 200 bone-marrow donors for a new stem cell and marrow network called One Match.

For more information about Cops For Cancer, Pedal For Hope and One Match visit www.pedalforhope.com, www.cancer.ca, and www.onematch.ca.

Left, Mandy Billings, left, and Laura Fideau, mothers of WES students, show off their new dos in support of cancer research.

Bottom left, Laura Fideau sports a bona fide short-long hairstyle before the rest is shaved off. She and Mandy Billings challenged WES students to raise more than $1,000 for the Cops For Cancer Pedal For Hope fundraiser. If they did, the two moms said they would shave their heads. The students raised more than double that goal.

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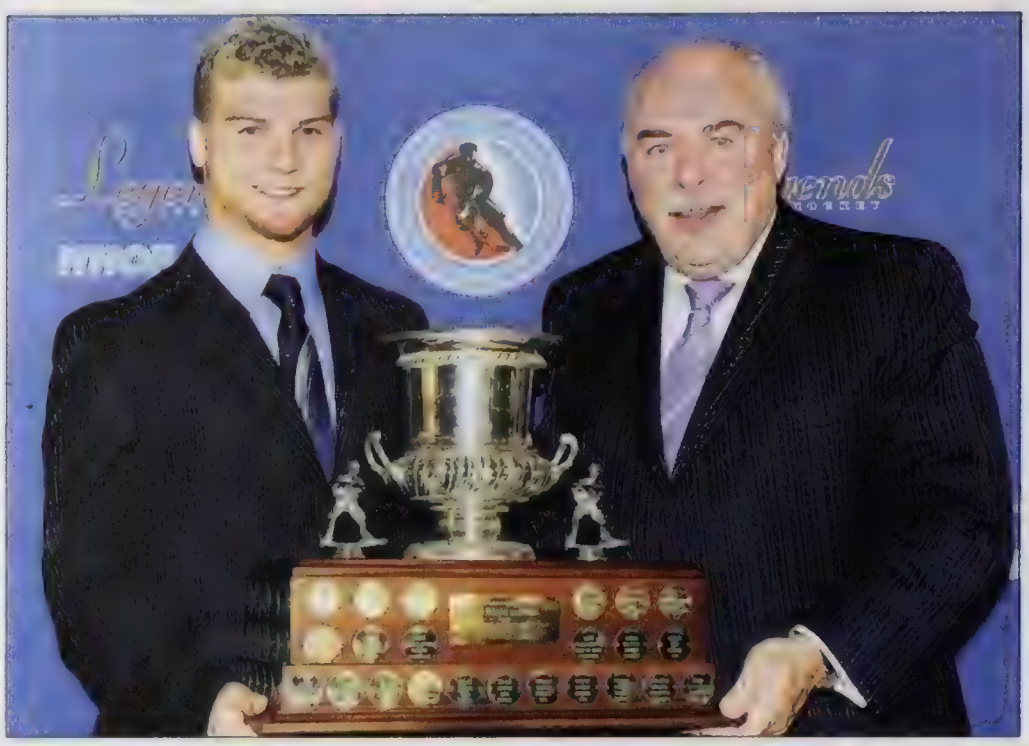

AARON BELL/Special to the Echo

Haliburton Lake cottager Cody Hodgson, with Ontario Hockey League commissioner David Branch, has another piece of hardware for his expanding trophy room.

Hodgson deemed most outstanding in OHL

On April 28 Hodgson received the Albert (Red) Tilson Trophy as the Ontario Hockey League's most outstanding player.

Hodgson's accomplishments in the OHL this season are plenty, here are just a few.

• On April 13 the 19-year-old was given the OHL's most sportsmanlike award.

• An annual OHL coaching poll found Hodgson to be the smartest player, hardest worker, best on face-offs, and best penalty killer in the Eastern Conference.

• Hodgson led the league with 11 game-winning goals, also a club record.

• Hodgson posted a club record 23-game point streak, the OHL's longest this season.

• In media MOP votes, Hodgson received 161 points; John Tavares was second with 115 points.

• In 53 regular season games with Brampton, Hodgson scored 43 goals and 49 assists for 92 points, tied for fourth in league scoring.

OHL HOCKEY

Battalion lose battle

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

After a 10-1 lashing in Game 1 and a closer 5-3 loss in Game 2, the Brampton Battalion find themselves in a losing battle against the Windsor Spitfires in the OHL championship series.

Despite a playoff club record crowd of 4,837 inside Brampton's Powerade Centre on May 1 in Game 2, the troops got off to a slow start; they were out-shot 22-4 in the first period and were unable to claw back from a 3-0 first period deficit.

The dynamic duo of Haliburton's Matt Duchene, projected as a top three pick in June's NHL entry draft, and Haliburton Lake cottager Cody Hodgson, have only two points between them and have been stymied so far in the series.

In an article on the Battalion website posted May 3, Duchene says he understands why Windsor has been rated as one of the top teams in the entire CHL all season.

"They're really fast, and you can't give them any space," said Duchene. "They convert a lot of their opportunities. The first period was rough, and that killed us. If we had played three solid periods, we could have won. We need to bring the effort from the last 40 minutes into the rest of the series. We need to keep getting shots and driving the net."

The Battalion trails the best of seven game series 2-0 and was looking for a win Monday night in Windsor. Visit www.battalionhockey.com for the latest scores. Game 4 goes May 6 in Brampton at 7 p.m.

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HHSS Sports

Red Hawks Results

Friday, April 24

The girls' senior and junior soccer teams were defeated by I.E. Weldon. Special mention to Kristina Manas-Chmelowski, Chrissy Shaw, and Jenn Woolcott from the junior team and Erin Pottier and Adrianna Ellis from the senior team.

Tuesday, April 28

Jesse Schmidt and Drew Paul third in men's doubles at COSSA for the senior badminton team.

Wednesday, April 29

The junior girls' soccer team played very well, but was defeated by a score of 2-0 by LCVI. Special mention to Grace Diezel, Jenna Dibblee, and Tara O'Sullivan.

The senior girls' soccer team was defeated with a score of 4-0 by LCVI.

Special mention to Kirsi Parnoja, Megan MacDuff, and Maddi Watson.

Thursday, April 30

At the Junior COSSA Badminton tournament, the Red Hawks played hard but were unable to advance to OFSAA. Congratulations goes out to mixed doubles Ashley Proctor and Mark Vasey, girls' doubles Grace Diezel and Sam Tallman, boys' doubles Brandon Yake and Ian Bottum, and girls' singles Kirsten Schollig, who placed third.

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Be off to see the wizard

While she's safe in Munchkin Land, the wicked witch of the west (Kaitlyn Griffin), left, warns Dorothy (Megan LaPierre) and Toto (Victoria Archibald) that she'll get her, and her little dog too, once she starts to follow the yellow brick road.

Put on your ruby slippers and follow the yellow brick road to the Northern Lights Pavilion for J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's latest stage production, *OZ!*.

That's right, Peggy Flowers, her awesome production staff, and dozens of talented JDHES students are at it again in this musical that will take viewers through the adventures of Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Woodsman, and of course Lion, on their way to see the Wizard.

Join in the fun of guiding Dorothy back to Kansas for two shows May 6 and 7 starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are only $5 and are available at the JDHES office or at the door. Call JDHES for more information at 457-2922.

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Director Melissa Stephens leads the Highlands Festival Singers during Saturday nights concert, Celebrate the Crooners.

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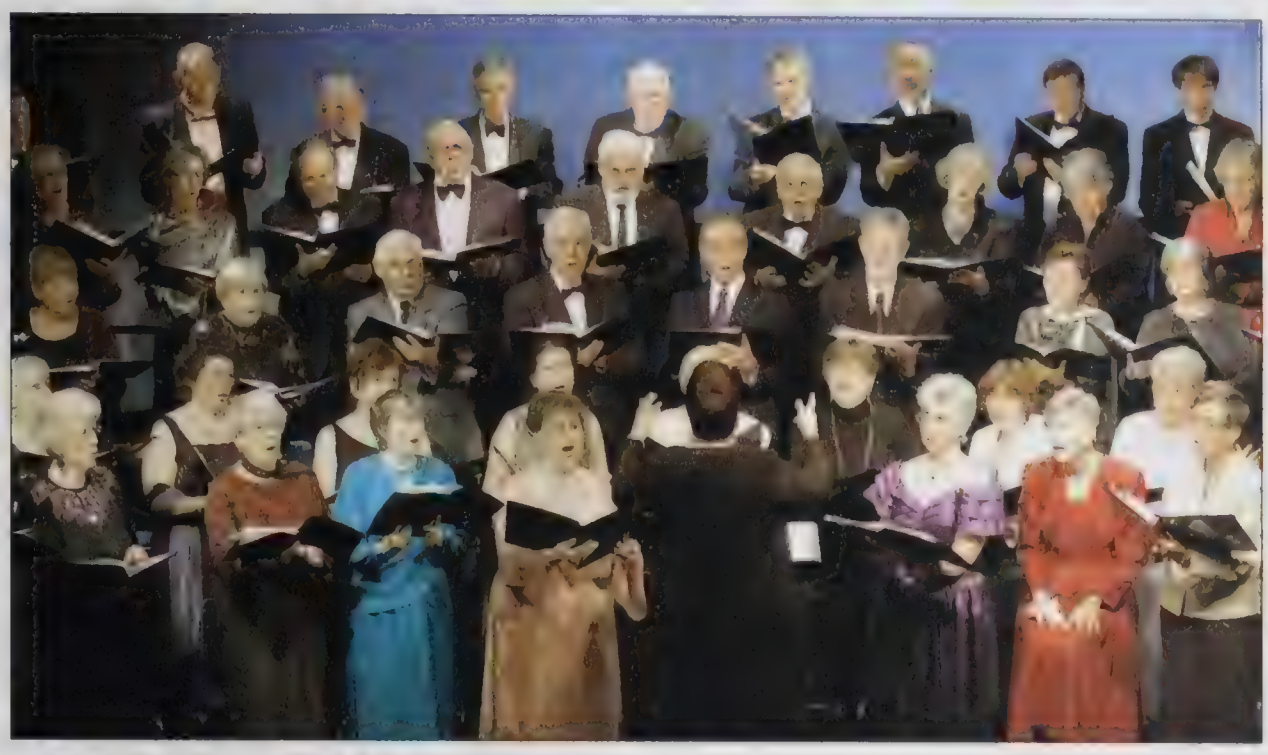

Celebrating the Crooners unforgettable

MATT JAMES

Staff Reporter

"Come Rain or Come Shine" the Highlands Festival Singers put on two "Unforgettable" shows May 2 and 3 at the Northern Lights Pavilion for the choir's latest production, Celebrate the Crooners.

Director Melissa Stephens didn't take it "Nice 'n' Easy" on the choir, who practised relentlessly for months leading up to the show. But "That's Life" for members of the Highlands Festival Singers who, as part of their mandate, foster and encourage music appreciation, performance, and education in the county.

Several years ago the HFS began donating scholarships to the annual music festival and this year they hope to extend one scholarship to a student at HHSS looking to continue his or her education in the arts – specifically music. Now "That's Amore."

Seeing through Saturday's "Stormy Weather," members of the community filed into NLP tapping their toes as they rode down memory lane through the 19 sentimental songs from their past.

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'There were people from our hotel that were in jail'

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company anymore," said Cole.

She said she was more scared than angry with the situation at hand. "Definitely scared," she said. "Because we didn't know if we were going to be able to come home."

The Conquest rep told them to contact Travelocity, the online travel agency Cole had booked with.

Cole said they were put on hold continuously and were eventually told Travelocity would contact them in 48 hours.

But Shannon and Ross would have none of that.

"We couldn't wait," she said. "I called my mom and she made sure we had a flight home. We had to jiggle around our money from Canada [to pay for the hotel again] but Ross's mom was able to look after that for us." Because the couple took care of things right away, they weren't down there for any longer than they scheduled to be.

Cole said there is just one reason why they were able to return on schedule."Because we could afford to pay," she said. Some folks, she heard, weren't so lucky.

"There were people from our hotel that were in jail," said Cole. "If we couldn't have afforded to pay, the hotel would have escorted us to wherever the cops would pick us up." In six hours, the couple had everything taken care of and was back on the beach Friday, trying to relax.

"Another man who was there and some of his friends at our hotel had tried to check out a few days prior and they went," said Cole.

"They took them, I don't know if they're still in jail, I don't know what, but they went."

Because it was the couple's first vacation they didn't know if there was any difference between a travel agent and booking online. When asked if they had taken out insurance, Cole said they'd only taken out medical and not cancellation. Cole said she isn't convinced booking through a travel agent would have solved the couple's problems.

In Mexico, they met people who had booked through a travel agent and were in the same situation. Cole said other than their travel agent doing the communications on their behalf in Canada, there was nothing the agent could do. Haliburton travel agency manager Linda Coneybeare of Travel Plus disagrees with that impression. Her company wasn't booking Conquest vacations, which she said came as a mandate from head office prior to the company's bankruptcy.

She said Travel Plus knew of the company from many years in the industry. What's more, said Coneybeare, is that a live travel agent advises and counsels clients, but online agencies do not.

From her perspective, Coneybeare doesn't know why anyone would book online instead of with a human face in his or her community.

"If I was a consumer spending a lot of money on something like a vacation why would I do it myself when I could do it through a professional in my home town?" Cole said she doesn't feel duped by Conquest, despite her experience.

"It was just fluke," she said. "Depending on what hotel you picked and what date you picked, that's how they chose if it was Conquest or Nolitours, or whoever." Coneybeare disagrees, only to the point that if the couple had taken out full travel insurance they could have been covered.

In the end the couple was forced to pay just more than $2,000 in order to get home; slightly more than what they'd already paid.

"We charged everything to our credit card in February and we paid off our credit card before we left," said Cole. "So we knew somebody had the money."

Cole was told that Conquest didn't have their money because it was using bookings money to pay for back-bookings. Unfortunately for Cole and Gerry, they were the last in line.

As of May 1, Cole discovered that because Travelocity is not a member of Travel Industry Council of Ontario, the organization is not able to help them get their money back. Through Visa and the TD Bank in Minden Cole thinks she may still be able to get refunded. She'll have to wait four to six weeks to find out.

So the only thing that could have made the trip any worse is if they'd contracted H1N1 influenza A, also known as swine flu.But it seems the couple has managed to avoid at least one international disaster.

"We're feeling fine," said Cole.

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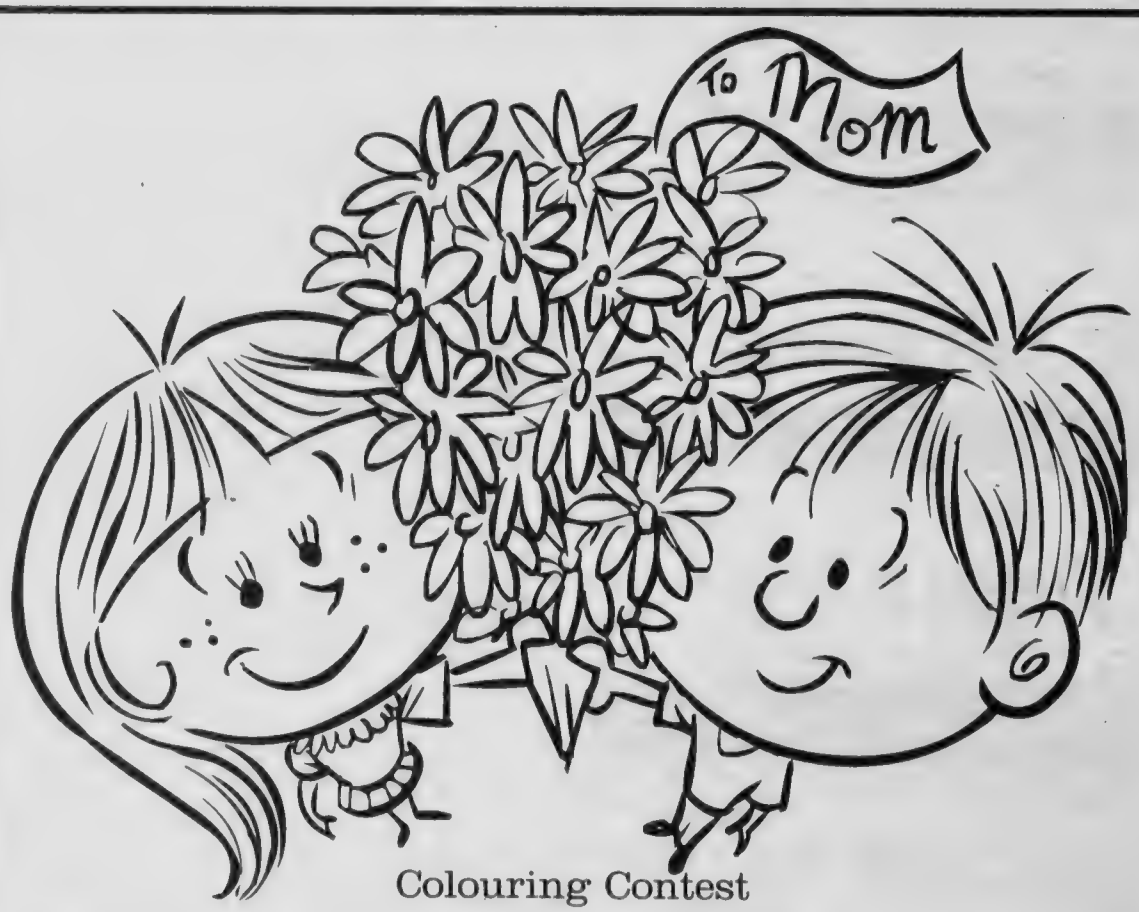

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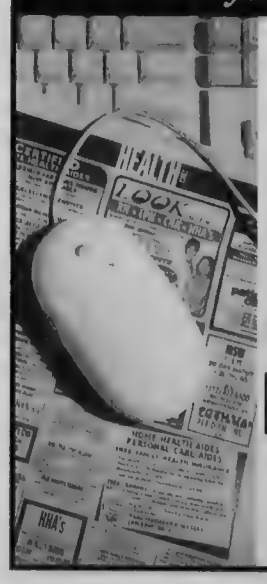

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Additionally, those who reside on lands that at one point were registered with the government as mining lands will no longer have to pay the mining tax. "What we are doing is introducing a provision for requesting an exemption for a mining land tax where the mining rights continue to be privately held but the lands have not and will not be used for mining purposes," said Christine Kaszycki, assistant deputy minister of the mining department at a press briefing in Toronto.

For land that has already been staked, however, the new provision will not apply.

For Simpson and Atrill, that means they're not safe from mining exploration yet. Their land was staked in January 2008 and the prospector's license doesn't run out until the beginning of 2010.

"We're not out of the woods yet," Simpson said.

"I think our claim will run out at the end of January," he said.

While Southern Ontario lands owned privately will now be off-limits for prospectors, in Northern Ontario this provision will not be in place.

The Ontario government said that was because of the different economies and lifestyles between the two areas.

"We give them most grief at the ministry level," Simpson said of Southern Ontario.

While he said FUME is against mining here, it would not speak on behalf of those in the north and especially not on behalf of native peoples who may be interested in mining.

Anti-uranium mining activists Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill went to Queen's Park Thursday to hear for themselves what the government has in store for the Mining Act. They say the fight isn't over yet. Photo by Jenn Watt

"We're not addressing that. We don't think it's our place. We support what they think is right for them," he said.

But the fight's not over yet; Atrill and Simpson still want further changes to the act before it is passed into legislation in the fall.

"We want them to take Crown land off the map in Southern Ontario," Simpson said. While the government is making it unacceptable to mine for Crown-owned minerals on private land, there is nothing in the current legislation limiting exploration on land owned by the Crown.

Simpson also wants municipal governments to have more power over whether mines are allowed in their jurisdictions. The government is allowing the far north to undertake community-based land-use plans for mining, but has not given that provision to Southern Ontario.

"Trying to plan around early exploration is a very challenging prospect because the minerals are unseen, they're hidden below the surface.

"So, in general, the opportunity to undertake exploration is an activity that, while we're moving forward to regulate and ensure it's done in a socially and environmentally appropriate manner, needs to have access to relatively broad tracks of land to find those minerals and identify if there's a mine development opportunity," Kaszycki said.

MPP Rick Johnson met with Simpson along with other local anti-uranium mining activists to go over the legislation.

"In any process you're not going to please everyone. That everyone be listened to – that's going to be key," Johnson said.

"I felt good about [Johnson] as soon as we started talking," Simpson said.

Johnson has pledged to help a Gooderham landowner with his fight over mining on his property and suggested that he come up to the county for an entire day of meetings with FUME and other concerned residents.

Now that the revisions have been introduced to the legislature they will go through a committee process where changes can be made and there is also room for public input. The final version will then be voted on in the fall.

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Model Gerane Bonyun-Tyres eyes a piece of clothing for the upcoming fashion show.

Giving 4Cs a LIFT

On the first Monday of each month, members of Ladies In Fellowship Together gather and support a business. This month it's the 4Cs Lily Ann Thrift Store and food bank. If you've never been in before you should stop in. Not only is the 4Cs in a sustainable building, but it's also loaded with great items like clothes for all seasons, shoes, dishes and kids games. Money made through the sale of donated clothing helps fund the food bank, which is in constant demand. On May 7, LIFT is feature a fashion show of clothes from the Lily Ann at Lakeside Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m.

Left: Ruth Hunt sifts through the clothing racks at the Lily Ann in Haliburton. Hunt is just one of a number of fashion models promoting the fashionable bargains to be found at the 4Cs thrift store.

Notices

Municipality of Dysart et al

135 Maple Avenue
P.O. Box 389,
Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0
Telephone: (705) 457-1740 Fax: (705) 457-1964
Email: info@dysartetal.ca Website: www.dysartetal.ca

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday, June 1st, 2009
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
  135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Cooper:
   - Purpose and Effect: the subject lands are being conveyed for addition to neighbouring property (lands of Sawyer) to recognize the existing occupational use of the lands. The proposed by-law will zone the lands to be consistent with the lands to which they will be added.
     - Zone change from RU1 to WR2.
   - This zoning amendment application is a condition of application for consent H-089/2008.
   - Location: Part of Lots 4 and 5, Concession 5, Guilford Township (1305 Kennisis Lake Road).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 5th day of May, 2009.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner

THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ALLSAW BRIDGE

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED
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The County of Haliburton hereby notifies all interested individuals and parties that the County is considering improvements to the site of Allsaw Bridge located on County Road 21, 0.30 km East of Blairhampton Road. The bridge is located over the narrows between Soyers and Kashagawigamog Lakes in the Township of Minden Hills, County of Haliburton.

The existing bridge structure constructed in 1959, has been identified as being structurally deficient with respect to the existing barrier protection as it does not meet the current code. The condition of the steel coating, wear surface, concrete deck and fascias are poor and the guide rail protection requires replacement. Other localized areas of concrete are deteriorated and the bridge is in need of rehabilitation.

After a preliminary review of options to do nothing, rehabilitate the existing bridge or replace the existing bridge, the County of Haliburton has concluded that the recommended solution to remedy the identified needs is to rehabilitate the existing bridge.

This project is initially being conducted as a Schedule B activity in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Engineers Association - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document (October 2000 as amended in November 2007).

In accordance with this document, public input and comment are invited, for incorporation into the planning and design of this project.

Public comment will be received until June 5, 2009, by the County of Haliburton or the Consulting Engineer for the project at the addresses listed below.

Subject to comments received and the receipt of all necessary approvals, the County of Haliburton intends to proceed with the planning, design and construction of this project to be completed in 2009.

This Notice issued May 5, 2009.

For further information concerning this project or to inspect a copy of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment document and/or Preliminary Study Report, please contact:

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The best treat for mom is to do the cooking yourself

FRANKA ANDRIANO

Cookin' with Franka

It's funny to say that one day in May is Mother's Day, as if every day isn't Mother's Day.

Mothers don't take a day off but it is nice to have a day set aside to recognize all the work of being a mother for the other 364 days of the year.

The best treat for a mom is for her not to have to cook. What better treat than a decadent dinner and dessert at home?

Try making this easy dinner.

Sunny shrimp skewers

1 lb frozen, peeled uncooked shrimp
8 wooden skewers
3 tbsp orange juice
2 tbsp chili garlic sauce
2 tbsp vegetable oil
1 tbsp brown sugar
2 tsp grated fresh ginger
1 tsp finely grated orange peel

Place shrimp in a bowl and defrost overnight or run under cold running water. Pat dry with paper towels.

Soak skewers in water for at least 20 minutes to prevent burning.

Place oven rack four inches from broiler. Preheat broiler. Cover a baking sheet with foil.

In a large bowl, stir orange juice with chili-garlic sauce, oil, sugar, ginger and orange peel. Add shrimp. Using your hands or a wooden spoon stir shrimp until evenly coated. Thread three shrimp on each skewer and place on rack. Broil until shrimp turn a coral color and are charred around edges – two to three minutes. Turn shrimp and continue broiling until cooked through (two to four more minutes).

Meanwhile pour leftover marinade into a small saucepan set over medium-high heat Bring to a boil uncovered and continue boiling, stirring often until sauce thickens and is reduced to about 1/3 cup (at least five minutes).

Pour sauce over shrimp or serve in a small bowl as a dipping sauce.

Marinade can be made four days in advance and refrigerated. Toss with shrimp just before broiling or marinate shrimp in sauce in the refrigerator overnight.

From Chatelaine 2002 March

Fudgy chocolate layer cake

2 ¼ cup flour
2/3 cup cocoa
2 tsp baking soda
½ cup unsalted butter
1 ½ half cup sugar
1 ¾ cups buttermilk
2 tsp vanilla

Chocolate icing

6 oz chocolate
1 1/2 cups softened butter
1/2 cup whipping cream
1 tbsp vanilla
3 cups icing sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly oil two eight-inch round cake pans. In large bowl stir flour with cocoa and baking soda until evenly mixed. Place butter in a medium-size microwave safe bowl. Microwave on high until melted, one minute.

Stir in sugar. Mixture will be thick and grainy. Whisk in buttermilk and vanilla. Gradually stir into flour mixture just until blended. Batter will be lumpy. Pour into prepared pans. Use the back of a spoon to smooth the top.

Bake in centre of preheated oven until skewer inserted in

See Tip page 25

MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

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PARKS & RECREATION/LANDFILL DEPARTMENTS
SUMMER STUDENTS

The Municipality of Highlands East is accepting applications and resumes for the following positions

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P.O. Box 160, Monck Road
CARDIFF, ON K0L 1M0

The deadline for submission of applications and resumes is Friday, May 8th, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Highlands East Ward One Office located at 2778 Monck Road, Cardiff ON.

HIGHLANDS EAST

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FOR
THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST

Tenders will be accepted for the following work:

1) 2009-03
Brushing at Hwy. 28 Landfill

Specifications for the above work can be obtained at the Municipal Office located in Wilberforce, Ward 1 office located on Monck Road, Cardiff and the Ward 3 Post Office located in Gooderham during regular office hours.

Please provide a tender deposit in the form of a certified cheque for 10% of the tender amount.

Closing date is May 8th, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be received at the address shown below and must be clearly identified as "Brushing at Hwy. 28 Landfill".

Tender documents will be opened on May 8th at 2:35 p.m. at the Highlands East Ward One Office located at 2778 Monck Road, Cardiff, Ontario.

The lowest or any bid is not necessarily accepted.

Glen S. Covert
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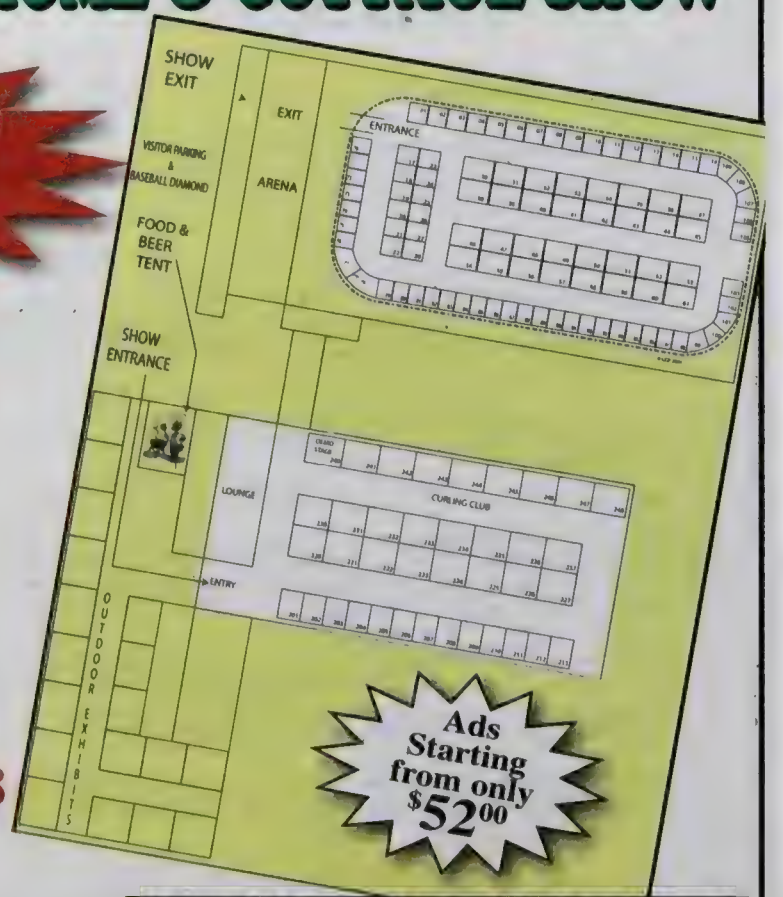

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Valerie French leads the troupe to victory

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It was the wonderful vision and direction of Valerie French that brought a very entertaining production of The Island Of Any Place to the stage of the Lloyd Watson Centre on May 1 and 2. Under Valerie's guidance a fantastic group of characters came to life both evenings in the Charles Marz cleverly designed one act play. Valerie had faith in each of the players encouraging them through many rehearsals to portray their characters with clarity of movement and the spoken word. She worked diligently to coordinate the required recorded music by Barry Rocklin with the stage actions. Her efforts were greatly appreciated as the audiences watched with pleasure.

Taking lead roles were Rebecca Weeks-Toth, Liz Toth, Carmen Galea and Tessa Barnes. Liz, whose character Jennifer dreams up the "play within the play," handled well the challenge of being on stage for most of the play, sometimes up front in action, sometimes to one side quietly watching her story develop. Rebecca, whose character used the whole hall as her stage, gave a terrific performance.

Carmen Galea was delightful as she competently played the ship-wrecked child Alex Caliban who is later turned into a bluesfish by the mermaids.

The creature, an older Alex Caliban, was played impressively by Tessa Barnes. Tessa transformed herself from a person in a business suit into a wild and dirty scary creature.

Tessa and Carmen were both very able performers in large roles. They carried the story of the play along with confidence.

Supporting characters included the blind spider, played with enthusiasm and charm by young Victor Townsend. What growing confidence Victor developed as he gave zesty performances appearing with "cool" yet wise advice and helpful information to get the "knuckleheads" Alex and Alex out of one mess after another.

Jess Toth playing well the great-great-grandfooler calmly stepped out of the grandfather clock to make a striking appearance. Her wise warnings regarding an evil ruler and an imprisoned princess were delivered with great poise.

Another cameo appearance was that of a very old Loop Trouper as the Rhinoceroid in a neat rhinestone festooned costume.

The TV "ariels," a colorful rock and roll band made up of very young actors, Drew Rupnow, Taylor Davies and Nick Toth, kicked off Jennifer's play by chanting that it is important to dream. This versatile trio magically return in another great performance as mermaids and merman. Though charming they are really evil "bad guys."

Playing the much coveted role of the evil ruler was Shenese Alden. In this role she confidently defies Jennifer, her creator, announcing that she is the Queen of Any Place and will live forever. She states "any writer with half a brain would know that ... characters outlive their writers." (Think Hamlet or Romeo and Juliet.) In a long well-memorized poem Shenese made the audience really dislike her character as she spoke of hating the laughter of children and of feeling rewarded by shutting down the schools. (Any school board trustees out there listening?)

Taylor Davies returned in her third role confidently playing the freed wise and noble princess.

An audience pleasing moment came in the finale as the characters peek out from here and there on the stage to wave goodbye to their creator, Jennifer.

After the curtain call on Saturday evening director Valerie French thanked all who had worked so well to bring the play to the stage. As well the cast they included Dan Linkert – lighting, Mike Croft and Don Outram – sound, Gill Stephen – costumes, Cathy Agnew – stage manager, Christina, Fred and Brenda Berning – set and props, Vonda MacLennan – prompter, Becca Anderson, Brenda Berning and Christina Berning-Back Stage, Flo Elliott and Marg Jeske – refreshments and Doug Stephen-Door.

Audiences spoke well of the performances and many were impressed that the Loop Troupe had made it possible for children and youth to take part in the show as cast and crew. It has been good too that so many new people were involved in this play. All but two in the cast made first time appearances. Also welcome were at least four new participants in the crew. Thanks to Highlands East municipality and Agnews General Store for their continued support

This certainly was an arts weekend in the area. The arts council celebrated with its annual awards gala which took place at the Legion in Haliburton on Saturday. We hear that this spring-themed evening was a huge success.

The Highlands Festival Singers presented their Celebrate the Crooners program at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton. This choir of more than 50 singers delighted audiences on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon May 1 and 2. Led by accomplished conductor Melissa Stephens and accompanied by Catherine Kellett they presented numbers that brought back memories, and caused smiles and even a tear or two. Selections included "Mona Lisa," "Stormy Weather," "That's Amore," "High Hopes" and "Fly Me To The Moon." The elegant evening wear helped set the scene for these songs from the moment they appeared. The audience appreciated the variety provided by solos, duets and special group numbers. Thanks again for the beautiful music.

The community is saddened by the death of Gladys Crawford who has been a resident of Harcourt Park for many years. She passed away at the hospital in Haliburton on Monday morning April 27, 2009. Gladys was in her 86th year. Though recently coping with health problems, Gladys was always ready with a friendly smile and a cheerful greeting. She had been actively involved at branch 624 of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary. Condolences are extended to her husband Leonard, sons Richard, Charles and Wayne and daughter Karen and their families and all of Gladys's friends. She will be greatly missed. After a funeral service in Haliburton interment was held in Whitby. Sympathy is extended to the family of Rose Woolacott who died at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Rose was a well-known former resident of Essonville was only 43 years of age. Left to mourn are her husband Ken, children Chris and Jenny, mother-in-law Joyce Woolacott and all her other family members and friends. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society through the Monk Funeral Home in Minden.

Tip to stacking cake layers

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centre of cakes comes out clean, 30 to 35 minutes. Remove from oven, cool in pans on wire rack for five minutes. Run a knife around inside edge of pans, then turn out onto a rack to cool.

To make icing: In a bowl over saucepan of hot (not boiling water) and without the bowl touching the water, melt 6 oz of chopped unsweetened chocolate, stirring occasionally. Let cool. In a pinch you can use chocolate chips. In a separate bowl, beat one and half cups softened unsalted butter until fluffy; beat in 1/2 cup whipping cream, 2 tbsp at a time. Beat in 1 tbsp vanilla Beat in three cups icing sugar, one cup at a time. Beat in melted chocolate icing until fluffy and smooth. Makes five cups. Can last for three days in the fridge, just beat again before using.

To ice cakes, place one cake layer on a large plate. Spoon icing in centre, right to edges.

Top with second layer of cake and spread top and side with remaining icing serve right away or refrigerate up to six hours. Any leftovers will keep well, covered and refrigerated, overnight.

Cake tip: If cakes puff up during baking and dome forms, slice off tops to create flat surface. This prevents cake layers from sliding and makes them easier to stack.

Use the cut pieces for decorations and cut them into shapes with cookie cutters and ice them.

November *Chatelaine* 2004

Enjoy a happy Mother's Day!

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The duration of this student opportunity is approximately June 29th through August 28th based out of the Library Administrative Centre in Haliburton Village for 35 hours per week.

Interested students should make application for this position **no later than Friday, May 15th, 2009 at 12:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources
Via email to:
twilbee@county.haliburton.on.ca
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Have Mother's Day dinner at West Guilford centre

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

From the West Guilford recreational centre: the board met on April 29 with Janis Parker, Susan Norcroft, Lynn Morrison, Sarah Burtch, Perry and Kay Morrison, and Carol Stamp, present in attendance.

A healthy bank balance was reported. Janis Parker informed the committee that financial help is underway to get the roof repaired.

Thank to Susan Norcross who has done the cleaning until the end of April. New people to take over that job are Sandy Lucknow and Rob Griffin.

Sunday, Mother's Day, is the second dinner of the season at the centre with 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. seatings. Call 754-2464 to reserve.

Yard clean up with chips and pop served is May 24, many hands are needed. Volunteers are needed to care for the centre's flower beds. Call Carol Stamp 754-2168 to offer or ask about what would be required.

Heather (Duncan) Harrington is home with her sister, Laurel Duncan, for a few weeks and visiting their mother, Carol in Extendicare.

The Haliburton Scottish Country Dancers participated in the annual spring ball. Dancers were welcomed from Orillia, Peterborough, Toronto, and from Kitchener. Five sets of eight danced to the Scottish tunes chosen by Mike Turner, our instructor and kilts, sashes and scarves of various tartans swung to the stepping of the music. Some 40 or so attended.

The lunch midway through the 18 dancers was supplied by the Haliburton dancers and served by Cecilia Scott and Heather Harrington. One of them, Cooper's Gold was composed by Mike for our 50th wedding anniversary and dance that evening.

Barbara Brownsberger and Ray Sisson scored high on the Tuesday evening euchre last week, Ruby Parcells and Leon Jones were low scores, Norma Crewson and Robert McIvor had most long hands, and specials were won by Ruby Parcells and Ray Campbell.

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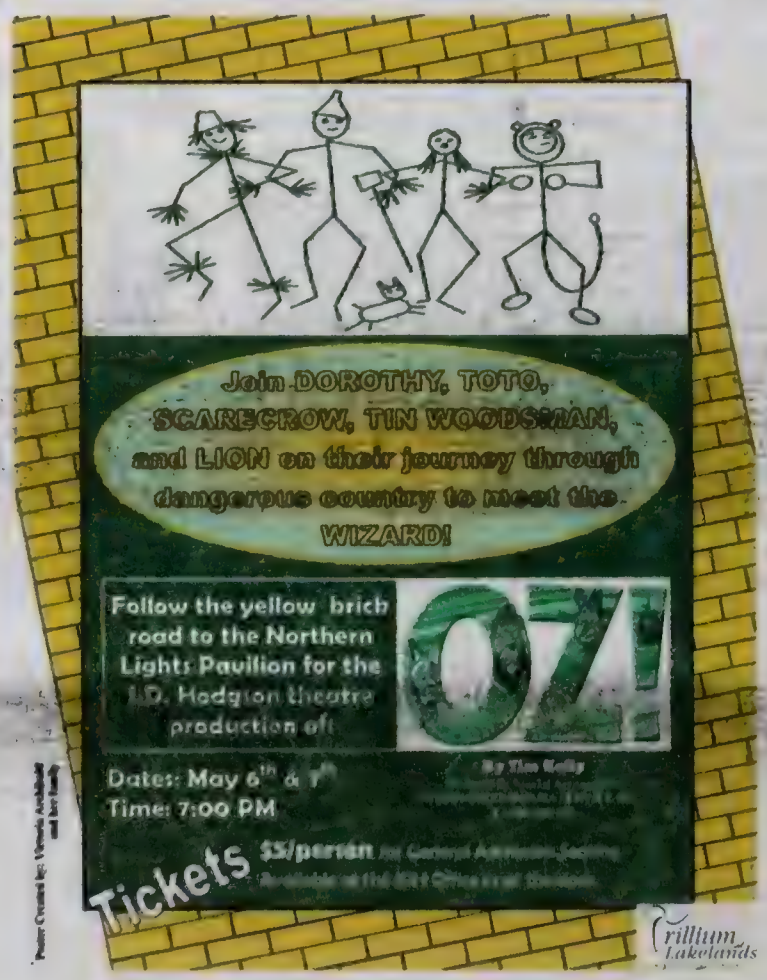

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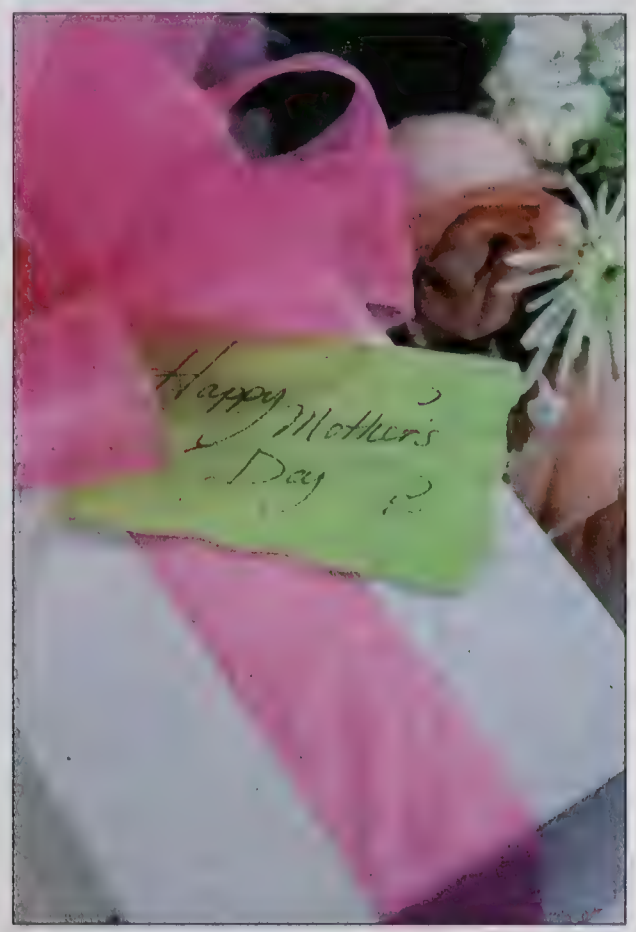

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2ND Annual Haliburton County Warden's Breakfast

You are cordially invited to attend the County of Haliburton's 2ND Annual Warden's Breakfast which will be held May 15th, 2009 at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre 7:30 am – 9:30 am. Join Warden Dave Burton who will provide an update on matters of interest in Haliburton County, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Rick Johnson who will be making a major announcement for Haliburton County at the Breakfast and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin.
Contact Bethany Mawbey at (705) 286-1333 or bmawbey@county.haliburton.on.ca to reserve your place, seating is limited.

May 15th, 2009
Registration 7:00 am – 7:30 am
$10.00 per ticket
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community calendar

What's happening in the County

Having an event this summer? List it for free in our Summer Guide!
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Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the UR Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- May 5: How to Talk So Kids Will Listen at the Minden OEYC Tuesdays starting May 5 to June 9 from 5-7 pm – Find new ways to talk with your kids to help reduce nagging and whining, get them to do what you ask the and reduce fighting with siblings. Families with children 3-6 yrs old. Light supper provided. For more information or to register please phone 286-4625.

- May 6: J.D. Hodgson Theatre production of OZ! - Follow the yellow brick road to the Northern Lights Pavilion on May 6th or May 7th at 7:00 pm. $5 per person for general admission seating, available at the JDH Office or at the door.

- May 7: OEYC Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce on from 9:30 am - 12 pm - Families with children 0 to 6 years join us for activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! For more information phone 286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.

- May 15: Circle of Hope – Hospice Kawartha Lakes hosts a drop-in grief support group for the newly bereaced from 12 – 1:30 pm at 112 McLaughlin Road, Lindsay. Light lunch provided. For more information call 324-2811 ex 3.

- May 16: Aaah! The long weekend! Gooderham United Church invites you to their Yard Sale - Lots of goodies Saturday, May 16, 2009 at 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you that day. Donation welcome.

- May 20: Bowlers Needed – Minden Healthcare Auxilary is hosting a Bowl-A-Thon from 1:30 – 5:00 pm. To preregister or for more information please contact Marilyn 286-4925 or Val Lennox 286-1476.

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Dawson's Dream
Bowl-a-Thon, Carnival and Silent Auction

On Saturday, May 2, 2009, The Dawson's Dream Team is inviting all of you to take part in a day of fun, excitement and community spirit! This day is to come together to help a family and especially a young boy's dream come true!Dawson Hamilton has been battling leukemia for 4 years and althought he is now calling home, Minden once again, he still remains afflicted with so many complications due to the severe and invasive treatments his body needed to fight the cancer not once BUT twice!

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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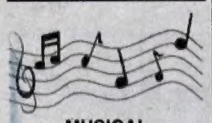

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Funeral Services

KELLETT (nee Potts), Dorothy Jane (July 12, 1934 ~ December 31, 2008) - Died peacefully at her home in Richmond Hill surrounded by her family. Beloved daughter of the late Martha Jane Potts (nee Clarke) and John Thomas Victor Potts, both of the Village of Haliburton, Ontario. Devoted wife of the late Stanley George Adolphus "Sonny" Kellett. Loving mother of Larry (Dolly), Peggy (Jim) Vidoczy and Brian. Loving grandmother of Tadd (Debbi), Kevin (Amanda), Simon, Evan and great grandmother to Justice David Kellett. Fondly remembered by her cherished first cousins; Donald "Joe" (Jean) Iles, Valerie Moore, Dorell Iles, Doreen (Grant) Rae and families, Denny Procter and by the extensive Kellett family. A Funeral Service will be held in the chapel at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Interment at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre "Odette Wing" would be appreciated by the family.

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Mom

Gladys Crawford

(Resident of Harcourt, Park, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, April 27, 2009 in her 86th year. Beloved wife of Leonard Crawford of Harcourt Park. Loving mother of Richard (Grace) of Markham, Charles (Nancy) of Oshawa, Wayne (Joan) of Oshawa, and Karen of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Erin (Marlon), Marie (Mikey), Joanne (Chad), Danny, Julie, Shaney and by her great grandchildren Myles, Liam, Zoey and Connor. Predeceased by her sister Margaret, her brother Charles and her step brothers William & John Harkness. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends were invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Tuesday evening, April 28, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. Then again on Wednesday afternoon, April 29, 2009 from 1 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2 o'clock. Interment later Mount Lawn Memorial Gardens Whitby on Thursday afternoon, April 30, 2009 at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or the Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary Branch #624, Wilberforce would be appreciated by the family.

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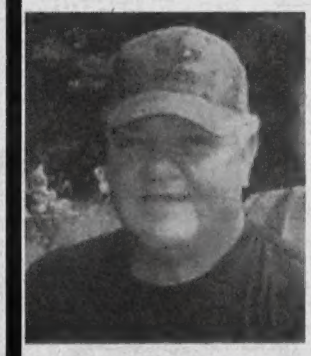

Jack Teatro

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Tuesday evening, April 28, 2009 in his 68th year. Beloved husband of Sue Gallant. Loving father of Lisa, Jamie and Jeffery (Laurie). Loving grandfather of many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Dear brother of Shirley (Lloyd) of Lindsay, Bill (Vera) of Oshawa, Carol (Gus) and Bonnie (Sam) all of Haliburton. Dear son of Muriel Teatro. Predeceased by his father "Duke" (Vincent) and his brother David. Also lovingly remembered by his sister-in-law Gail of Keswick and many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Remembrance

At Jack's request a Private Family Graveside Remembrance will be held at **EVERGREEN CEMETERY** Haliburton, Ontario. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209. As expressions of sympathy donations to World Wildlife Fund would be appreciated by the family.

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David Wood

(Resident of Toronto, Ontario,
Formerly of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday morning, April 29, 2009 at his residence in his 43rd year. Beloved son of Wendell and the late Norma Wood. Cherished father of MacKenzie. Loving brother of Deborah (Brian Swanson) of Minden and Diane (Fred) of Kincardine, New Brunswick. Also lovingly remembered by his nephews Justin, Avery, Matthew, Christian and nieces Jennie and Amanda (predeceased).

Visitation & Funeral Service

A Private family service will be held. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

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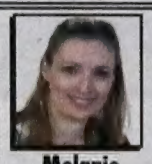

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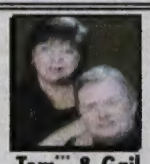

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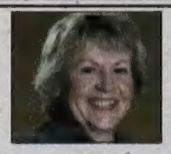

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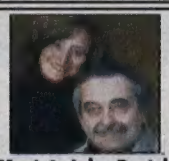

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